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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
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Applicant	: Lutz Biedermann, et al.	Confirmation No. 9870
Application No.	: 10/647,096	
Filed	: August 21, 2003	
Title	: METHOD FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF A TUBULAR SPACER AND SPACER	
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Examiner	: Alvin J. Stewart	
Docket No.	: 56731/B884	

Commissioner for Patents  
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## Commissioner:

Applicant petitions the Commissioner to extend the time for response to the Office action dated November 16, 2005 for two month(s) from February 16, 2006 to April 16, 2006.

The fee for extension of time required by 37 CFR § 1.17 is calculated below.

CALCULATION OF FEE			
LENGTH OF EXTENSION	SMALL ENTITY	LARGE ENTITY	Fee
WITHIN FIRST MONTH	\$ 60	\$ 120	\$0
WITHIN SECOND MONTH	\$ 225	\$ 450	\$450
WITHIN THIRD MONTH	\$ 510	\$ 1020	\$0
WITHIN FOURTH MONTH	\$ 795	\$1590	\$0
WITHIN FIFTH MONTH	\$1080	\$2160	\$0

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 03-1728. Please show our docket number with any charge or credit to our Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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